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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON TIME PARODY

1. OCT 27 EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE CARRIED A CARTOON AND
PARODY ON VENEZUELA'S OIL NATIONALIZATION.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF THE EXTERNAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THE GOV
INFORMATION OFFICE, CLEMENT COHEN, SAID VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS
ANDRES PEREZ TOOK A DIM VIEW OF TIME'S PLAYFULNESS AT VENEZUELA'S
EXPENSE. COHEN SAID PEREZ, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED LAST WEEK BY TIME
SENIOR EDITORS DONAVAN AND HEISKEL, HAD SUGGESTED THE US MEDIA
TOO OFTEN COVERED ONLY THE COUPS IN LATIN AMERICA AND DID NOT TAKE
THE AREA SERIOUSLY. PEREZ FEELS THE PARODY IS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT
NON-SERIOUS TENDENCY.

3. THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE CARTOON
WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE ITEM COULD HAVE DONE HIM MORE JUSTICE.
THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT THE FIGURE ON THE OIL BARREL FAR MORE
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RESEMBLES THE ROTUND GOV MINISTER OF PLANNING, GUMERSINDO

RODRIGUEZ, ALTHOUGH PEREZ'S
PENCHANT FOR YOUTHFUL MOD SUITS AND SIDEBURNS IS FAITHFULLY
RENDERED.
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